

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: James R. Helmer

SUBJECT: HERITAGE TREE RESOLUTION

DATE: 07-23-04

Approved

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7.23.04

Council District: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution that amends and restates the list of designated Heritage Trees in San José and repeal Resolution #69745.

BACKGROUND

Sections 13.28.330 and 13.32.140 of the San José Municipal Code provide protective status for individual or groups of trees found by the City Council to have special significance to the community based on their history, girth, height, species or unique qualities. The Code also states that this list of Heritage Trees can be amended from time to time with the addition and deletion of certain trees. The list was last amended by Resolution #69745, adopted by the City Council on June 27, 2000. It is now appropriate to amend the resolution by deleting those trees that have been removed due to death or hazard and to add additional trees because of their qualifying factors.

In the future, this list will be updated on a one to two-year basis, depending on the volume of additions and deletions necessary to keep the Heritage Tree list current.

ANALYSIS

The following Heritage Trees have in the interim been removed due to death or hazard since the previous resolution and are thus being removed off of the Heritage Tree list by this resolution:

HT-03-008	209 S. 14 th St.	60" <i>Ulmus americana</i> (American Elm)
HT-03-009	122 S. 16 th St.	30" <i>Tilia glabra</i> (American Linden)
HG-06-004	1330 Sierra Ave.	<i>Castanea sativa</i> (Spanish Chestnut)
HG-06-005	1541 University Ave.	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i> (Coast Live Oak)
HT-06-033	1550 The Alameda	72" <i>Quercus agrifolia</i> (Coast Live Oak)

HT-06-035 1195 Clark St. 36" *Tilia glabra* (American Linden)

The following trees are being added to the list by this resolution:

HT-05-001 227 N. Jackson Ave. 95" *Schinus molle* (California Pepper) – a remnant of the
Overfelt Ranch
HG-06-008 Palm Haven 356 street trees, most of which are the namesake palms of
Palm Haven, planted circa 1913
HT-06-035 1192 Norval Way 54" *Acer saccharinum* (Silver Maple) – a large specimen

The first tree, a California Pepper located on the grounds of the Regional Medical Center of San José, has a gnarled mammoth trunk indicative of great age, undoubtedly a survivor from the ranch that was previously on the property. The second group is a large cohesive collection of matched palms lining the streets of Palm Haven, for which the neighborhood was named, plus several unusual specimens growing in the Palm Haven Plaza. The last tree is a tremendous maple of large stature growing along one of the residential streets in Willow Glen.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Palm Haven Restoration Committee nominated the trees in their Palm Haven neighborhood. Additional trees to be considered for future updates of this list will be solicited with the assistance of community groups, especially Our City Forest, who work closely with the neighborhood associations and can help survey for possible worthy candidates for Heritage Trees.

COORDINATION

Preparation of this resolution has been coordinated with the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, Council District 6 Office, Our City Forest and the City Attorney's Office.

COST IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

BUDGET REFERENCE

Not applicable

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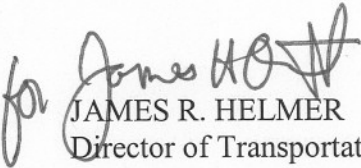
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